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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK MARKET REVIEW

Cattle marketings were a little larger than the previous week, but daily receipts were more evenly distributed. At Chicago Choice 1075-1225# fed steers sold steady to 25¢ lower, all other steers steady to 25¢ higher. At most other midwest markets fed steers and heifers closed steady to 50¢ lower. Hogs sold steady to 50¢ higher at terminal markets, influenced in part by broader shipping demand. In the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area where purchases were somewhat curtailed, late butcher prices were 20-40¢ lower. Demand for slaughter lambs improved and closing prices were steady to \$1.00 higher than a week earlier.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES

Fed steer prices weakened for the second consecutive week, reflecting the slow wholesale dressed beef trade. Aggregate receipts at 12 markets were somewhat larger than the week earlier, much of the increase being due to expansion in the proportion of heifers. Continuous dry weather in parts of the midwest along the Missouri River was also a factor in the increased movement. Daily marketings were more evenly distributed than a week earlier, however, and this was a factor lending stability to the fed cattle trade and aiding in effecting daily clearances, especially at Chicago. General price trend on fed steers and heifers was steady to 50¢ lower. At Chicago where the decline the previous week was particularly severe, weakness was evident mainly on Choice 1075-1225# steers, with other steers there steady to 25¢ higher. A firm tone was also apparent at S. St. Paul, instances 50¢ higher on average-Choice and Prime steers. Cows sold mostly steady to 50¢ lower with a firm to 50¢ higher trend at Chicago and S. St. Paul. Bulls were steady to 75¢ lower. Slaughter calves and vealers closed steady to \$1.00 lower. Average weights of beef steers at Chicago and Omaha continued from 50 to nearly 60# heavier than a year ago, with weights at other centers 30-35# above last year. Ideal feeding conditions in a number of Corn Belt areas have been a factor in the increased average weights.

Good and Choice steers bulked at midwest markets from \$16.50-21.00. Prime offerings cashed at Chicago from \$22.00-26.00, a few high-Prime \$26.75-27.00. Prime 1192# steers brought \$23.50 at S. St. Paul, highest in 7 months. At Sioux City high-Choice and Prime 1282-1288# steers reached \$23.00, some 1219# averages of the same grade at Omaha also \$23.00. Good and Choice heifers bulked at Corn Belt terminals from \$16.00-20.00, Prime 1073# reaching \$22.00 at Chicago.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES

Outgo of stocker and feeder steers from 10 markets was moderately below that of a week and a year earlier. A large percent of the overall supplies consisted of Good and Choice stock steers under 700#. Feeder steers 800# up were in very moderate supply with Choice fleshy feeders scarce. Although the supply of stock calves continued relatively small, receipts included a moderately increased number of high-Good and Choice calves. Trading was considerably slower than the previous week with prices unevenly steady to \$1.00 or more lower. At Omaha stockers were 50¢-\$1.00 lower and feeders 25-50¢ off, while at St. Joseph stockers and feeders closed \$1.00-1.50 lower after opening steady. At Kansas City trading was fairly active on the opening session but slowed appreciably later in the week. Dealers at that market still had a moderate number on hand going into the weekend. A recent advance in the price of corn together with a bearish turn in the fat cattle market were factors tending to curtail demand for feeder steers. Sub-normal moisture conditions in many areas, including part of the Corn Belt as well as much of the west and southwest, also exerted a bearish influence in the demand for stockers. Although fairly good rains early this month temporarily brightened pasture prospects, most of the drought-affected areas have received very little moisture during the past 10 days, and the lack of sufficient moisture is causing considerable anxiety over a wide area. A few loads of Choice 525-585# stock steers brought \$20.50-21.00, majority Good and Choice yearling stockers \$16.00-20.00.

Choice 687# steers were included at \$20.00, but not many averaging 700# or heavier exceeded \$19.00. Good and Choice feeder steers 750# up sold from \$16.00-19.00, majority \$18.50 down. Good and Choice steer calves ranged from \$17.00-22.80. Very few heifer calves sold above \$18.00.

HOGS

Prices of butchers and sows recovered much of the previous week's decline at midwest terminal markets, but prices in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area showed additional downturns. Combined salable receipts continued well above a year ago, and for the first time since early March were larger than those of the preceding week. Demand expanded at the public markets due partly to improved shipper outlet and partly to sharply higher prices for some wholesale fresh pork cuts, and butchers at those centers closed steady to 50¢ higher, sows mainly steady to 25¢ higher. In the Interior area, shipper outlet was moderate to poor, and although local packers made fairly large purchases, some Interior plants limited their buys on several days. Butchers in that area closed 20-40¢ lower, sows steady to 35¢ lower. Much of the week's supply of barrows and gilts throughout the midwest consisted of 190-250# weights. A small proportion consisted of mixed lots grading U. S. No. 1 and 2, but mixed No. 2 and 3 lots again predominated. There was some sorting for weight and grade, but most lots sold unsorted. All interests competed aggressively for the available supply of No. 1 and 2 butchers which sold from 25-75¢ above mixed lots of comparable weights grading mostly No. 2 and 3.

Prices of stocker and feeder pigs showed little change. Good and Choice 120-150# feeders brought \$12.50-13.00 at Sioux City, same grades \$12.50-13.50 at S. St. Paul; few 90-130# \$11.50-12.50 at Kansas City. At Memphis Medium and Good 70-140# feeders closed steady to 50¢ lower at \$9.50-11.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS

Receipts in the aggregate at the 12 markets were about 8 percent larger than the previous week but were still considerably smaller than a year ago. In spite of the larger movement compared with a week earlier, demand for slaughter lambs broadened and prices closed steady to \$1.00 higher. Among the bullish influences in the trade were strength in wholesale lamb prices and expectation in some quarters of moderately reduced marketings in the near future. Slaughter ewes closed steady to 50¢ lower at most points. Feeder lambs were rather scarce at midwest markets and showed little price change. Spring lambs made up an increased proportion of the week's marketings. Good to Prime new crop offerings cashed from \$19.00-24.00, mainly \$23.50 down. Fed woolled lambs of the same grades brought \$18.50-21.50, some Choice and Prime 117-130# offerings at Chicago from \$19.00-21.00, these showing discounts of 50¢-\$2.00 from lighterweights of the same grades. Shorn lambs grading Good to Prime and carrying No. 2 to fall shorn pelts brought \$17.50-20.50, a few fall shorn selling up to \$20.60 late at Chicago. Cull to Choice woolled slaughter ewes cleared from \$3.50-8.00, shorn ewes \$2.50-7.00. Good and Choice feeder lambs including some new crop feeders realized \$16.00-17.00, ewe lambs selling up to \$18.00.

WESTERN LIVESTOCK REVIEW

Price trends on slaughter cattle at Far West terminals were somewhat uneven due to variable supply and demand conditions. Steers and heifers sold steady to 50¢ higher in the Northwest, largely steady to 50¢ lower at other markets. Cows closed unevenly 50¢ higher to 50¢ lower. Vealers and slaughter calves sold fully steady at most points, advancing up to \$1.00 at Denver and Stockton. Stockers and feeders were in good demand at firm prices. Barrows and gilts declined 25-50¢ at Denver, but were steady to 50¢ higher at Far West terminals. Slaughter lambs closed steady to 50¢ higher.

Scattered loads of high-Choice to Prime fed steers brought \$21.00 at Portland and Denver, most high-Good to Choice at other terminals \$19.00-20.50, Good \$17.00-

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Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep	
	Apr. 21	Apr. 23	Apr. 21	Apr. 23	Apr. 21	Apr. 23	Apr. 21	Apr. 23
	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
Chicago.....	45,122	42,202	1,552	1,543	46,100	44,836	9,336	15,328
Cincinnati.....	3,901	3,656	1,254	1,312	15,303	16,163	204	191
Denver.....	15,246	15,682	650	774	2,961	3,901	15,664	18,259
Fort Worth.....	7,967	10,916	1,434	1,992	3,901	2,732	25,996	33,666
Indianapolis.....	8,473	7,839	1,070	1,323	44,650	49,042	711	858
Kansas City.....	22,625	19,723	1,435	1,571	14,425	9,153	7,376	12,657
Oklahoma City.....	11,250	9,940	732	894	4,968	3,580	3,223	4,120
Omaha.....	39,076	43,554	866	968	41,160	40,748	9,863	13,833
St. Joseph.....	14,813	16,108	1,172	930	32,767	25,773	6,145	4,014
St. Louis NSY.....	19,256	17,063	3,383	3,719	65,254	52,755	3,544	4,489
Sioux City.....	20,569	24,334	363	262	28,938	30,557	4,411	5,826
S. St. Paul.....	22,051	24,413	9,429	8,901	45,930	50,071	4,264	5,430
Total.....	230,349	235,430	23,340	24,189	346,357	329,311	90,737	118,671
Apr. 14, 1956	218,163		23,963		339,444		84,471	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

Week ended:	Hogs	Sheep
Apr. 21, 1956	329,500	23,100
Apr. 14, 1956	304,500	24,700
Apr. 23, 1955	257,000	33,300

FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended			Month		Three months	
	Apr. 19	Apr. 12	Apr. 21	Mar.	Mar.	Jan. -	Mar.
	1956	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
Steers - 1001# up	567	665	881	1,486	3,143	4,877	7,285
901-1000	1,085	1,469	1,449	6,303	9,474	17,911	26,287
801-900	1,718	2,364	2,588	10,939	14,470	37,321	40,641
701-800	2,851	3,242	3,389	13,421	13,787	41,770	42,279
501-700	8,853	9,611	10,542	39,354	45,607	106,587	116,535
Total steers 10 mkts.	15,074	17,351	18,849	71,503	86,481	208,466	233,027
Av. wts. " " "	696#	701#	710#	702#	716#	711#	719#
Av. cost* " " "	\$17.38	\$17.54	\$20.36	\$16.82	\$20.41	\$16.67	\$20.00
" " " Chicago	18.52	18.56	20.88	17.22	20.18	16.97	20.07
" " " Ks. City	18.15	17.99	21.06	17.44	21.28	17.20	20.75
" " " Omaha	17.14	17.58	20.49	16.66	20.54	16.47	19.97
" " " S. St. Paul	16.30	17.11	18.58	15.59	18.65	15.20	17.98
" " " Sioux City	17.43	18.02	20.63	17.49	20.89	16.93	20.40
" " " Denver	17.30	17.64	21.22	16.02	21.26	17.30	21.92
" " " Ft. Worth	16.87	17.07	18.80	16.33	19.83	16.31	19.06
" " " Okla. City	16.61	16.43	19.17	16.18	19.97	16.27	19.18
" " " S. St. Joseph	16.53	17.35	20.52	16.65	20.28	16.46	19.78
" " " Natl. Stk. Yds.	17.09	16.65	19.44	16.16	18.98	16.15	18.76
Total calves-10 mkts.	4,306	4,621	5,926	19,304	30,435	72,375	95,561
" cows.							
heifers, bulls- " "	3,465	3,633	4,349	11,143	15,810	34,968	46,467

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

BEEF STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER

Grade	Number of head			Percent of total by grades			Average weight (pounds)			Average price in dollars per 100 lb.		
	Week ended											
	19	Apr.		19	Apr.		19	Apr.		19	Apr.	
	1956	1956	1955	1956	1956	1955	1956	1956	1955	1956	1956	1955
CHICAGO												
Prime	1426	1735	735	4.9	5.8	3.1	1298	1284	1259	23.52	23.32	28.71
Choice	18351	17224	12778	62.9	58.3	53.9	1183	1193	1140	20.17	20.58	24.39
Good	7386	8927	7679	25.3	30.2	32.4	1033	1049	1018	17.93	18.19	21.50
Com'l.	1825	1497	2276	6.3	5.1	9.6	1013	982	982	15.77	15.63	18.26
Utility	173	167	248	.6	.6	1.0	953	1011	918	14.14	14.07	15.76
All grades	29161	29550	23716				1139	1143	1087	19.57	19.85	23.06
OMAHA 1/												
Prime	156	98	120	.9	.6	.7	1376	1276	1236	21.91	23.62	26.05
Choice	9293	10077	8648	53.6	60.8	49.8	1183	1165	1114	19.22	19.36	22.95
Good	6495	5329	6259	37.5	32.1	36.0	1040	1035	1006	17.60	17.65	20.69
Com'l.	1031	799	2021	6.0	4.8	11.6	978	994	958	15.42	15.40	18.19
Utility	355	283	334	2.0	1.7	1.9	861	890	893	13.43	13.63	15.59
All grades	17330	16586	17382				1112	1111	1053	18.39	18.63	21.58
SIOUX CITY 1/												
Prime	97	202	19	1.3	4.2	.2	1420	1361	1220	21.52	22.33	29.00
Choice	4985	2991	5145	67.0	62.6	51.4	1160	1184	1129	19.33	19.61	22.94
Good	1874	1397	3626	25.2	29.3	36.2	1025	1045	1057	17.44	17.52	20.98
Com'l.	410	146	1037	5.5	3.1	10.4	1037	994	988	15.71	15.22	18.09
Utility	77	39	178	1.0	.8	1.8	973	1105	994	14.08	13.98	15.04
All grades	7443	4775	10005				1120	1144	1086	18.70	19.03	21.68
KANSAS CITY 1/												
Prime	68	60	--	1.1	.9	--	1267	1310	--	21.39	21.03	--
Choice	2823	2952	2185	43.6	44.2	45.9	1093	1118	1083	19.40	19.50	23.36
Good	2905	2883	2045	44.9	43.2	43.0	1046	1050	988	17.99	18.00	20.54
Com'l.	531	634	366	8.2	9.5	7.7	1005	1058	1048	15.52	15.72	17.54
Utility	140	144	164	2.2	2.2	3.4	1060	1045	961	13.99	14.35	15.81
All grades	6467	6673	4760				1066	1083	1035	18.39	18.43	21.50
ST. LOUIS NSY 1/												
Prime	--	20	54	--	.3	1.2	--	1154	1116	--	22.50	26.80
Choice	2241	1939	870	32.6	27.4	18.8	1076	1090	1040	19.22	19.12	23.46
Good	2702	2986	2800	39.3	42.2	60.5	1011	1010	988	17.72	17.62	21.30
Com'l.	1519	1885	738	22.1	26.7	16.0	955	950	888	16.23	16.48	18.58
Utility	408	237	163	6.0	3.4	3.5	858	892	840	14.59	14.04	16.49
All grades	6870	7067	4625				1011	1012	978	17.77	17.69	21.27
S. ST. JOSEPH 1/												
Prime	25	79	2	.4	1.2	--	1165	1227	1060	21.00	21.08	26.04
Choice	2858	3163	2355	47.6	49.0	36.2	1130	1128	1110	19.19	19.55	23.14
Good	2343	2386	3474	39.0	37.1	53.4	1048	1046	1010	17.68	17.84	20.58
Com'l.	722	758	627	12.0	11.7	9.6	969	990	964	15.70	15.86	17.40
Utility	59	67	50	1.0	1.0	.8	860	857	878	13.30	13.64	14.58
All grades	6007	6453	6508				1076	1080	1041	18.20	18.51	21.25

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BEEF STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER

Grade	Number of head			Percent of total by grades			Average weight (pounds)			Average price in dollars per 100 lb.		
	Week ended											
	19 1956	Apr. 12 1956	21 1955	19 1956	Apr. 12 1956	21 1955	19 1956	Apr. 12 1956	21 1955	19 1956	Apr. 12 1956	21 1955
DENVER 1/												
Prime	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	4239	2984	3898	65.6	66.1	77.0	1127	1150	1104	19.22	19.57	23.81
Good	2154	1358	949	33.3	30.1	18.7	1034	1045	1048	18.19	18.17	21.44
Com'l.	72	75	218	1.1	1.7	4.3	991	1039	1009	15.87	15.99	17.27
Utility	--	94	--	--	2.1	--	--	961	--	--	13.88	--
All grades	6465	4511	5065				1095	1113	1089	18.86	19.02	23.12

1/ These summaries developed from data collected on marketings of fed cattle by the Agricultural Estimates Division.

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total meat prod.	Total lard prod.
	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.		
	1,000	mil. lb.	1,000	mil. lb.	1,000	mil. lb.	1,000	mil. lb.	mil. lb.	mil. lb.
Apr. 21, 1956	373	204.8	148	16.9	1,247	165.2	281	13.5	400.4	45.5
Apr. 14, 1956	352	195.4	146	16.4	1,168	154.2	282	13.5	379.5	42.0
Apr. 7, 1956 1/	356	199.4	152	16.0	1,228	161.9	253	12.4	389.7	43.3
Apr. 23, 1955	355	190.4	138	15.3	1,069	147.8	295	14.2	367.7	38.3
Percentage change from:										
Apr. 14, 1956	+6	+5	+1	+3	+7	+7	0	0	+6	+8
Apr. 23, 1955	+5	+8	+7	+10	+17	+12	-5	-5	+9	+19

Week ended	Average weights (lb.)								Lard yield per 100 lb.
	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs		
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed 2½	Live	Dressed	
Apr. 21, 1956	995	549	205	114	235	132	99	48	15.5
Apr. 14, 1956	1,005	555	200	112	234	132	100	48	15.4
Apr. 7, 1956	1,010	560	190	105	232	132	103	49	15.1
Apr. 23, 1955	969	536	199	111	244	138	99	48	14.7

1/ Actual slaughter and revised estimate of production. 2/ Excludes lard.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Apr. 21 1956	Apr. 23 1955	Apr. 21 1956	Apr. 23 1955	Apr. 21 1956	Apr. 23 1955	Apr. 21 1956	Apr. 23 1955
Boston, New York City Area	13,397	12,049	11,379	12,528	56,976	46,671	49,492	51,058
Baltimore, Philadelphia	8,057	7,675	1,351	1,249	27,788	23,325	2,796	1,967
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls.	18,428	17,385	8,198	7,390	100,220	81,675	13,902	12,733
Chicago Area	27,325	25,344	6,426	6,726	58,454	58,648	4,747	7,082
St. Paul-Wis Areas	31,401	30,066	29,946	30,680	96,493	93,157	8,778	11,806
St. Louis Area	15,313	14,374	4,607	5,948	89,848	74,261	8,260	10,137
Sioux City	10,194	8,783	113	12	21,155	14,828	3,730	5,426
Omaha Area	32,225	32,451	883	1,006	71,050	61,751	13,114	16,770
Kansas City	13,762	12,647	2,565	3,264	29,946	26,910	9,122	16,886
Iowa-So. Minnesota	29,647	26,588	14,616	10,968	273,762	237,222	28,920	31,028
Lou'l. Evan'l. Nash'l. Mph's.	9,120	9,013	7,170	8,425	56,100	43,919	Not available	---
Georgia-Alabama Area	6,351	5,794	3,206	2,255	30,366	21,166	---	---
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City	18,518	16,887	3,656	3,291	54,343	43,426	17,587	16,073
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio	16,228	19,856	7,217	6,726	21,432	16,934	22,589	29,652
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City	17,915	16,092	843	961	15,883	13,176	27,197	18,271
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas	27,920	26,462	3,686	4,021	30,970	30,423	30,284	31,502
Portland, Seattle, Spokane	7,316	7,011	454	553	15,169	13,710	4,229	3,684
Total	303,117	289,477	106,316	106,003	1,049,955	901,202	244,747	264,075
Accumulation to date...	4,750,497	4,477,907	1,671,077	1,667,585	19,162,170	16,087,456	3,954,646	3,879,269

ESTIMATED PERCENT FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Kansas		Chicago: City		Omaha		St. Joseph: MSV		St. Louis: S. St.		Indianapolis: Denver		Fort Worth: City		Oklahoma: Wichita, Antonio	
	Apr. 20, 1956	Apr. 13, 1956	Apr. 20, 1956	Apr. 13, 1956	Apr. 20, 1956	Apr. 13, 1956	Apr. 20, 1956	Apr. 13, 1956	Apr. 20, 1956	Apr. 13, 1956	Apr. 20, 1956	Apr. 13, 1956	Apr. 20, 1956	Apr. 13, 1956	Apr. 20, 1956	Apr. 13, 1956
Apr. 20, 1956	3	32	11	10	10	17	4	17	7	5	5	20	40	38	35	35
Apr. 13, 1956	3	28	11	12	12	30	5	30	5	8	5	20	40	30	45	45
Apr. 22, 1955	5	38	13	17	17	16	5	16	8	8	10	35	50	53	37	37
Feeders and stockers																
Slaughter cows																
Apr. 20, 1956	6	9	11	17	12	7	28	11	8	15	15	15	15	19	35	35
Apr. 13, 1956	7	11	11	11	14	10	30	10	8	10	10	10	12	21	27	27
Apr. 22, 1955	11	11	10	14	14	4	32	19	10	17	16	16	16	25	33	33

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago			Kansas City			Omaha		
	21	Apr.	23	21	Apr.	23	21	Apr.	23
	1956	1956	1955	1956	1956	1955	1956	1956	1955
Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers									
Steers -									
Prime 900-1100#	24.25	24.30	28.50	22.55	22.75	26.18	23.08	23.80	26.88
1100-1300	24.25	24.50	29.80	22.28	22.50	26.30	23.08	23.68	27.52
Choice 900-1100	20.80	21.10	25.35	19.92	20.15	23.42	19.82	20.45	24.00
1100-1300	20.68	20.95	25.35	19.80	20.05	23.42	19.80	20.22	24.00
Good 900-1100	17.98	18.08	21.35	17.40	17.52	20.40	17.15	17.22	20.50
Com'l. All wts.	15.58	15.50	18.08	15.42	15.62	17.32	15.12	15.12	18.00
Heifers -									
Prime 600-800#	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice " "	19.18	19.38	22.82	19.15	19.25	21.75	19.30	19.25	22.25
Good 500-900	17.25	17.30	20.42	17.05	17.18	18.78	16.92	16.88	19.50
Com'l. All wts.	14.88	14.85	17.70	15.00	15.00	15.85	14.75	14.75	16.25
Cows - All weights									
Commercial	13.38	13.20	14.55	12.70	12.75	13.20	12.50	12.68	13.98
Utility	12.12	11.95	12.62	11.90	12.00	11.78	11.50	11.60	12.00
Canner & Cutter	10.58	10.65	10.82	10.80	11.00	9.98	10.25	10.35	9.95
Bulls - All weights -									
Good	13.25	13.10	14.00	--	--	--	13.25	13.10	12.82
Utility & Commercial	15.30	15.45	15.55	13.50	13.62	13.40	13.90	14.19	13.65
Vealers - All weights --									
Choice & Prime	24.50	24.50	25.40	20.00	20.60	21.30	21.00	21.00	22.30
Com'l. & Good	19.00	19.00	19.50	17.00	17.30	16.80	16.50	16.50	17.50
Calves - 500# down									
Choice & Prime	20.50	20.50	21.00	18.00	18.00	19.30	19.00	19.00	20.50
Com'l. & Good	15.75	15.75	16.50	15.00	15.00	15.80	15.00	15.00	16.00
Feeder and stocker cattle and calves									
Steers -									
Choice 500-800#	19.75	19.75	23.00	19.75	19.50	23.25	19.28	19.50	23.12
Good " "	17.25	17.25	20.50	17.25	17.25	20.50	16.82	17.25	20.50
Medium 500-1000	15.50	15.50	17.62	15.25	15.25	17.25	14.40	14.50	17.50
Heifers -									
Choice 500-750	17.25	17.25	19.75	17.25	17.00	19.25	17.22	17.38	19.25
Med. & Gd. " "	14.50	14.50	16.25	14.75	14.50	16.25	14.15	14.25	16.00
Cows - All weights -									
Medium & Good	--	--	--	12.00	12.00	11.62	11.75	11.75	11.75
Calves - 300-500# -									
Steers -									
Good & Choice	21.00	21.00	22.50	20.00	19.75	22.25	19.90	20.50	22.50
Heifers -									
Good & Choice	17.50	17.50	19.50	17.25	16.88	18.75	16.80	17.00	19.50

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

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In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago			Interior Iowa and southern Minnesota			Indianapolis		
	21	Apr.	23	21	Apr.	23	21	Apr.	23
	1956	1956	1955	1956	1956	1955	1956	1956	1955
Barrows and gilts -									
U.S.No.1 160-180#	13.92	13.95	16.40	12.72	12.98	15.37	13.82	13.80	16.70
2 and 3 180-200	14.98	15.18	17.30	14.30	14.53	16.63	15.05	15.09	17.25
200-220	15.32	15.40	17.32	14.72	14.92	16.90	15.25	15.22	17.25
220-240	15.30	15.39	17.20	14.42	14.63	16.79	15.12	15.05	17.02
240-270	15.02	15.06	16.75	14.04	14.22	16.30	14.95	14.88	16.48
270-300	14.72	14.75	16.25	13.55	13.74	15.71	14.55	14.28	15.92
Sows -									
300-330#	14.00	13.90	15.38	13.18	13.37	14.74	13.60	13.52	14.75
360-400	13.35	13.20	14.55	12.72	12.87	14.10	12.92	13.00	14.15
450-550	12.35	12.28	13.38	11.65	11.78	13.06	11.90	11.60	13.30
Pigs (stocker and feeder)-									
Gd. & Ch. 70-120#	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Classification	Omaha			St. Louis National Stock Yards			Sioux City		
	21	Apr.	23	21	Apr.	23	21	Apr.	23
	1956	1956	1955	1956	1956	1955	1956	1956	1955
Barrows and gilts -									
U.S.No.1 160-180#	--	--	--	14.56	14.52	17.04	--	--	--
2 and 3 180-200	15.25	15.10	17.28	15.16	14.98	17.24	14.75	14.94	16.85
200-220	15.25	15.10	17.28	15.16	15.10	17.24	15.03	15.08	16.92
220-240	15.25	15.10	17.15	15.16	15.06	17.05	15.03	15.08	16.82
240-270	14.78	14.75	16.52	14.82	14.78	16.65	14.68	14.80	16.38
270-300	14.38	14.20	15.62	--	14.42	16.12	13.95	13.98	15.65
Sows -									
300-330#	13.50	13.35	15.02	13.32	13.30	14.82	13.70	13.48	14.78
360-400	12.98	12.80	14.38	12.95	12.90	14.58	12.80	12.82	14.02
450-550	12.00	11.92	13.55	12.15	12.10	13.78	11.65	11.82	12.85
Pigs (stocker & feeder)-									
Gd. & Ch. 70-120#	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Classification	S. St. Paul			Baltimore			N. Portland		
	21	Apr.	23	21	Apr.	23	21	Apr.	23
	1956	1956	1955	1956	1956	1955	1956	1956	1955
Barrows and gilts -									
U.S.No.1 160-180#	14.10	14.18	17.15	15.34	15.34	17.62	17.00	16.50	19.00
2 and 3 180-200	15.22	15.32	17.18	15.97	15.91	17.97	17.12	16.75	19.59
200-220	15.45	15.32	17.10	16.00	15.91	17.97	17.12	16.75	19.59
220-240	15.15	15.25	16.72	15.59	15.69	17.75	17.00	16.50	19.25
240-270	14.98	14.92	16.12	15.00	15.19	17.22	16.00	15.50	18.50
270-300	13.78	13.95	15.32	14.03	14.06	16.34	15.38	14.88	17.88
Sows -									
300-330#	13.12	13.08	14.88	11.88	11.94	14.91	14.00	13.50	16.75
360-400	12.65	12.70	14.20	11.88	11.94	14.91	12.25	12.25	16.00
450-550	11.75	11.88	13.20	10.62	10.69	12.84	11.00	11.00	15.00
Pigs (stocker & feeder)-									
Gd. & Ch. 70-120#	13.25	13.00	17.75	--	--	--	--	13.25	--

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

Week ended		Chi- cago	St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards	Kan- sas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Apr. 21,1956	14.98	14.95	14.72	14.85	14.62	14.84	14.67	15.06	14.86
	Apr. 14,1956	15.02	14.82	14.92	14.75	14.75	14.99	14.66	14.98	14.85
	Apr. 23,1955	16.75	17.18	16.92	16.56	16.31	16.93	16.34	16.92	16.74
Sows	Apr. 21,1956	12.91	12.67	12.54	12.73	12.48	12.83	12.72	12.12	12.65
	Apr. 14,1956	12.77	12.59	12.45	12.56	12.44	12.75	12.62	11.96	12.52
	Apr. 23,1955	14.06	14.11	14.24	14.02	13.81	14.38	13.85	13.52	13.93
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Apr. 21,1956	232	219	218	226	230	216	224	224	224
	Apr. 14,1956	233	218	219	226	232	216	222	223	223
	Apr. 23,1955	242	220	229	241	245	232	231	226	232
Sows	Apr. 21,1956	419	404	409	395	391	385	383	444	406
	Apr. 14,1956	422	408	408	392	398	383	392	442	409
	Apr. 23,1955	424	423	428	400	398	390	389	472	414
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Apr. 21,1956	35860	57969	13164	34175	24936	29506	37956	38233	271799
	Apr. 14,1956	34768	60507	11447	30546	24697	24729	40766	40668	268128
	Apr. 23,1955	36724	46914	8361	33346	24988	22405	41611	42723	257072
Sows	Apr. 21,1956	6162	3625	765	4418	2061	1976	4053	3949	27009
	Apr. 14,1956	5433	3534	709	3628	1842	1596	4120	3903	24765
	Apr. 23,1955	4623	2876	417	5207	2743	2147	4768	3857	26638
SOWS		Percentage of total								
	Apr. 21,1956	15	6	5	11	8	6	10	9	9
	Apr. 14,1956	14	6	6	11	7	6	9	9	8
	Apr. 23,1955	11	6	5	14	10	9	10	8	9

1/ Weighted average.

WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Apr. 21, 1956	\$16.99	\$14.98	+\$2.01
Apr. 14, 1956	16.70	15.18	+ 1.52
Apr. 23, 1955	18.82	17.30	+ 1.52

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U.S.No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs 180-200# wt.Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Apr. 21, 1956	14.98	149.3	10.0
Apr. 14, 1956	15.02	144.0	10.4
Apr. 23, 1955	16.75	148.0	11.3

1/ Simple average price.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden & North Salt Lake	South San Francisco
LAMBS - 110# down (WOOLED) -								
Choice and Prime	Apr. 21, 1956	21.12	20.42	22.80*	--	20.22	--	19.75*
	Apr. 14, 1956	21.10	20.05	22.38*	--	19.90	--	--
	Apr. 23, 1955	22.15	21.68	22.10*	--	20.65	--	20.50*
Good and Choice	Apr. 21, 1956	20.42	19.25	21.38*	19.90*	19.15	17.75	19.25*
	Apr. 14, 1956	20.22	18.95	20.88*	19.70*	18.92	17.25	19.25*
	Apr. 23, 1955	21.25	20.82	20.50*	21.10*	19.55	19.25	--
EWES (WOOLED) -								
Good and Choice	Apr. 21, 1956	7.45	5.70	5.25**	--	7.12	7.25	--
	Apr. 14, 1956	7.75	6.00	5.25**	--	8.48	7.25	--
	Apr. 23, 1955	7.45	5.50**	6.00**	--	6.20**	--	5.25**
Cull and Utility	Apr. 21, 1956	5.75	3.95	4.00**	--	4.78	4.75	--
	Apr. 14, 1956	6.00	4.25	4.00**	--	5.92	4.75	--
	Apr. 23, 1955	6.28	4.00**	4.50**	--	4.40**	--	3.75**
FEEDER LAMBS -								
Good and Choice	Apr. 21, 1956	--	17.25	--	--	17.80	--	--
	Apr. 14, 1956	--	--	--	--	18.00	--	--
	Apr. 23, 1955	--	19.50	--	--	--	--	--
*Spring lambs. **Shorn basis.								

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19.00. Good and Choice slaughter heifers ranged from \$16.00-19.50, a limited volume of average to high-Choice \$19.60-20.00 at Denver and Ogden. Utility and Commercial cows cleared from \$10.50-15.00, bulk \$11.00-14.50; Cannors and Cutters \$8.00-12.00. Choice vealers sold in the Northwest from \$25.00-29.00, odd head \$30.00; other Good and Choice offerings \$19.00-25.00; same grades slaughter calves \$16.00-21.00. Good and Choice stocker and feeder steers brought \$17.00-19.00; heifers \$15.00-18.00; stock steer calves \$17.50-20.00.

Direct sales of slaughter steers and heifers at California feedlots were steady to 50¢ lower; slaughter cows and calves 50¢-\$1.00 higher. Good and Choice slaughter steers brought \$19.00-20.50, a string of Choice 1200# steers carrying some Prime \$20.75, few loads under 1100# \$21.00. Good and Choice heifers brought \$17.00-19.00, high-Choice \$19.50-20.00. About 800 head Good and Choice around 850# slaughter steers were contracted in Northern California for May delivery at \$18.00; several hundred head 900-1000# for near-term delivery \$17.00-17.50. About 260 feeder steers weighing 760# brought \$16.00, f.o.b. New Mexico. Around 600 head of Good to mostly Choice light yearling stock steers were contracted in Northern California at \$19.25 for May 15th delivery.

Mixed lots U. S. No. 1 to 3 180-240# barrows and gilts sold late in S. San Francisco at \$16.75; Stockton \$17.00; Los Angeles \$16.00-17.00; Portland \$16.25-18.00; Spokane \$16.25-16.50; Ogden \$15.00-16.25; Denver \$15.00-16.00. Few Good to Prime spring lambs brought \$19.00-20.50 at Far West terminals; Choice and Prime 32-52# native spring lambs at Denver \$22.25-22.50, Good and Choice \$20.50-22.00. The same grades of old crop woolled lambs sold there from \$19.00-20.50. Spring lambs sold direct in California from \$19.00-20.00, some growers asking \$21.00. Feeder lambs were contracted for immediate to the latter part of May delivery from \$17.00-18.50.

NEW YORK WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEW
Western Dressed Fresh Meats

Supplies of Western dressed fresh meats in the New York Metropolitan Area appeared slightly reduced as compared with the previous week. Steer offerings were normal, but cow beef and calf supplies were only moderate. Veal unloads were supplemented by a large carryover. Lamb receipts were moderate to barely normal and consisted mainly of old crop carcasses. Volume of fresh pork was moderate to small. Trading was slow at the outset, but fairly active by midweek, as chain interests participated in the late trade. Most classes cleared at steady prices although old crop lamb sold higher, and sharp upturns were registered on fresh pork loins. Compared with Friday a week ago: Steer beef uneven, mostly steady, cow beef, calf and spring lamb unchanged; veal steady to \$1.00 lower; old crop lamb steady to \$1.00 up; pork loins \$5.00-6.00 higher, other fresh pork cuts \$3.00 lower to \$1.00 higher.

Prices on steer carcasses were generally unchanged, although Choice 600-800# offerings sold within a relatively narrow price range, with 600-700# actually about 50¢ lower, while 700-800# were around 50¢ higher. Local wholesalers encountered a spontaneous demand for rounds, and these brought higher prices, but arm chucks sold weak to 50¢ lower. A relatively small supply of cow beef moved at steady prices.

Veal was weak as the result of inactivity on the part of volume outlets, and the largest carryover of the year to date. A peddling trade prevailed for the most part. Old crop and spring lamb were represented, the former predominating and usually favored by the buying side. Prices were fully steady, with 45-55½ old crop up \$1.00.

Prices on fresh pork loins turned sharply higher as the result of a concerted demand from virtually all retail channels. The supply was mostly moderate, with 8-12# sizes predominating.

Locally Dressed Fresh Meats

Demand was fair for non-kosher offerings, with fresh pork clearing promptly despite liberal slaughter. Movement of kosher fresh meats was slow aside from slight flurry of activity on lamb early in the week. Prices on non-kosher beef and veal cuts held mainly steady with the previous week, lamb barely steady, and fresh pork loins sharply higher. Kosher classes sold unevenly lower.

Prices on steer hindquarters were fairly well maintained, with the bulk of heavyweight selections sold in the form of wholesale cuts. Rounds encountered reliable outlet and sold at higher prices while easiness developed on loin cuts. Ribs, plates and briskets brought steady prices, but concessions of around 50¢ were made in arm chuck sales. Prices on kosher steer cuts held steady at the outset, but toward the close, demand was extremely narrow.

Concerted price resistance and a varied buyer indifference confronted local veal wholesalers. Quotations were unchanged, but bulk of sales averaged toward the low end of quotations. Lamb sellers endeavored to maintain firm price attitudes. Prices of hindsaddles were well sustained, with small upturns in instances. However, foresaddles and related cuts sold weak to lower. Kosher lamb foresaddles declined \$5.00 or more for the period.

Fresh pork loins sold sharply higher and found ready outlet with chain interests most aggressive. Other cuts sold steady, with minor variations. Complete clearances were virtually assured.

Local slaughter of cattle and calves showed little change from the previous week but hog and lamb kills increased.

CHICAGO WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEW

Trading on carcass beef was only moderately active early but improved later with Prime selling most dependably. Veal trade was slow throughout with trading fairly active on fresh pork and lamb. Pork loins, spareribs 3# down, and lamb loins, stews and shoulders were in best demand. Volume of fresh pork was moderate to small, with supply of lamb and veal grading Choice and below about normal. Volume of spring lamb was rather small compared to old crop offerings. Bulk of the steer and heifer beef graded Choice. Some carryover of lamb legs and hind-saddles is expected, otherwise clearances will be about normal. Compared with a week ago: Choice beef steady to 50¢ lower, other grades steady to strong; veal unchanged; lamb steady to 50¢ higher; pork loins \$2.00-2.50 higher, other pork cuts steady.

Choice and Prime squarecut beef chucks turned at \$26.00-28.00. Prime rounds brought \$40.00-41.00, Choice \$38.50-40.00; Prime loins \$85.00-89.00, Choice 50-70# loins \$65.00-68.00, lighter weight heifer loins down to \$63.00. Prime ribs brought \$57.00-60.00, Choice \$40.00-44.00. Choice and Prime kosher style beef chucks sold from \$28.00-29.00. Lamb hindsaddles cleared mostly from \$50.00-56.00; lamb legs \$46.00-52.00; loins \$60.00-65.00; hotel ribs \$48.00-53.00. Eight to 12# pork loins sold from \$40.00-43.50, 12-16# \$39.00-43.00. Boston butts 4-8# cashed from \$26.50-30.00; spareribs 3# down \$31.00-34.00.

PACIFIC COAST WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEW

Steer carcasses were in liberal to slightly excessive supply at West Coast centers. Supplies were most excessive in California, with volume of cow beef rather limited, particularly Canner and Cutter. Veal and calf carcasses were limited except in Northern California. Spring lamb was scarce in California but sufficient for the demand in the Northwest. Fresh pork was adequate at most points with cured pork cuts liberal to excessive. Trading was slow on steer carcasses while cow beef was slightly more active. Outlet for veal and calf was fair with a good demand for spring lamb, particularly in California. Fresh pork cuts moved satisfactorily while trade on cured pork cuts was slow. Prices compared with last Friday: Steer beef unevenly steady to \$1.00 lower at Los Angeles and \$1.00 higher in the Northwest; cow beef mostly steady, instances \$1.00 higher at San Francisco; veal and calf steady to \$1.00 higher; spring lamb \$1.00-3.00 higher in California and \$1.00 lower in the Northwest; fresh pork loins steady to \$2.00 higher, other fresh pork cuts mostly steady; smoked skinned hams and slab bacon weak to \$2.00 lower, other smoked meats steady; lard steady to \$1.00 higher.

Choice steer carcasses under 600# bulked from \$32.50-36.00, few under 500# to \$37.00 at San Francisco; 700-800# \$31.50-34.00; Good 500-700# \$29.00-35.00; Commercial \$27.00-31.00; Utility \$25.00-30.00. Commercial cow brought \$24.00-30.00, softboned at the latter price; Utility \$24.00-28.00; Canner and Cutter \$21.00-25.00. Good and Choice veal under 150# brought \$37.00-42.00 in California; \$40.00-50.00 in the Northwest; Good and Choice calf under 300# \$32.00-39.00; Commercial down to \$29.00. Choice and Prime spring lamb under 55# cashed from \$38.00-42.00, few \$44.00 at Portland; Good, all weights, \$35.00-39.00. Closely trimmed pork loins under 16# cleared from \$41.00-48.00; shoulders same weight \$25.00-32.00; Boston butts under 8# \$31.00-38.00; smoked skinned hams under 18# \$46.00-54.00; few \$55.00 in the Northwest; slab bacon under 10# \$29.00-40.00; sliced 1# packages \$37.00-45.00; lard in 1# cartons \$13.50-19.00.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	New York			Chicago			San Francisco		
	21	Apr.	23	21	Apr.	23	21	Apr.	23
	1956	1956	1955	1956	1956	1955	1956	1956	1955
Beef -									
Steer -									
Prime 600-700#	41.50	41.50	--	39.00	39.00	48.25	--	--	--
700-800	40.00	40.00	48.50	39.00	39.00	48.25	--	--	--
Choice 500-600	--	--	--	35.50	33.75	39.10	36.00	36.00	41.50
600-700	35.25	35.50	41.40	33.50	33.75	40.50	34.00	34.00	40.50
Good 350-600	32.00	32.00	37.20	30.30	31.10	36.00	33.00	33.00	38.00
Com'l. " "	28.00	28.00	32.50	28.25	28.30	32.50	30.00	30.00	35.00
Cow, all wts. -									
Commercial	27.75	27.75	29.00	--	--	--	28.50	27.50	29.50
Utility	25.50	25.50	26.50	--	--	--	25.50	25.00	25.50
Veal -									
Prime 80-110#	41.00	41.00	39.00	42.50	42.10	42.50	--	--	--
Choice " "	35.00	35.60	34.00	37.00	37.00	39.00	--	--	43.00
Good " "	28.50	28.90	31.00	34.00	34.00	36.50	41.00	41.00	39.00
Lamb -									
Prime 40-50#	45.00*	40.00	43.00	40.15	40.30	43.10	40.00*	40.00*	42.00*
50-60	--	38.50	41.20	39.00	39.00	40.60	--	--	--
Choice 40-50	45.00*	40.00	43.00	40.15	40.30	42.10	39.00*	39.00*	42.00*
50-60	--	38.50	41.20	39.00	39.00	39.60	--	--	--
Good all wts.	41.50*	36.00	39.20	37.50	38.00	38.10	36.00*	36.00*	40.00*
Pork - Fresh -									
Loins 8-10# av.	43.20	39.90	43.60	40.95	38.15	42.60	45.00	45.00	51.00
10-12 "	43.20	39.90	43.60	40.95	38.15	42.60	46.40	45.70	49.00
12-16 "	42.40	38.70	41.10	40.35	37.60	40.90	45.60	45.00	48.00
Butts 4-8 "	31.30	33.00	34.20	28.25	28.50	30.30	36.00	36.00	41.00
Pork - Cured -									
Hams, smk., skd. -									
12-16# av.	49.50	50.50	51.50	51.52	52.65	52.55	51.00	51.00	54.90
16-18 "	48.50	48.50	43.80	50.55	51.50	51.12	50.00	50.00	51.80
18-20 "	--	--	--	50.25	51.15	50.00	--	--	--
Bacon, smk., slab -									
6-8# av.	--	--	43.50	34.25	33.45	46.65	38.00	38.00	53.00
8-10 "	32.50	33.50	39.00	32.55	32.00	43.90	36.00	36.00	47.20
Sliced 1 # pkg.	39.00	39.50	50.50	38.75	38.05	51.50	40.00	40.00	51.00
Picnics, smoked -									
4-8# av.	25.00	27.00	33.00	30.15	30.05	35.35	30.00	30.00	37.20
Backs, D. S. -									
16-20# av.	13.50	13.50	15.00	12.00	11.75	11.42	--	--	--
Lard, 1# cartons -									
Refined	16.25	16.25	17.00	15.45	14.95	16.25	17.85	17.25	18.50
Substitutes	--	--	--	--	--	28.00	--	--	--

Note: Quotations at New York exclude locally dressed meats.

*Spring lamb.

INSPECTED STOCKER AND FEEDER SHIPMENTS FROM PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
MARCH 1956 - WITH COMPARISONS

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Cattle and Calves

Market origin	Mar. 1956	Mar. 1955	State destination	Mar. 1956	Mar. 1955
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>		<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>
Baltimore.	1,609	2,352	Pennsylvania.	5,839	7,411
Chicago.	4,208	6,065	Ohio.	7,646	6,172
Cincinnati.	552	513	Indiana.	10,794	9,102
Clovis.	9,399	9,094	Illinois.	21,702	23,232
Denver.	11,773	21,957	Michigan.	2,285	2,247
Detroit.	813	1,010	Wisconsin.	456	468
Fort Worth.	9,940	14,308	Minnesota.	6,888	8,925
Indianapolis.	4,389	3,005	Iowa.	37,016	53,908
Kansas City.	33,548	39,778	Missouri.	34,139	19,011
Lancaster.	3,843	5,733	South Dakota.	4,355	7,872
Los Angeles.	3,968	6,386	Nebraska.	18,582	41,204
Louisville.	2,472	2,878	Kansas.	16,128	23,265
Nashville.	1,262	1,577			
Ogden.	10,953	6,775	Maryland.	1,535	1,753
Oklahoma City.	26,343	21,413	Virginia.	1,217	1,148
Omaha.	18,300	26,941	Kentucky.	2,319	2,676
St. Louis area 1/.	6,270	7,727	Tennessee.	2,773	3,008
San Antonio.	17,804	18,238			
Sioux City.	21,668	26,935	Oklahoma.	12,490	10,528
Sioux Falls.	7,190	11,562	Texas.	24,866	26,023
S. St. Joseph.	21,069	10,007	Colorado.	9,935	11,013
S. St. Paul.	5,561	8,832	Utah.	3,498	3,838
Wichita.	8,313	12,025	California.	26,658	23,740
All other inspected 2/.	48,202	58,297	All other 2/.	28,328	36,864
Total 2/.	279,449	323,408	Total 2/.	279,449	323,408

Sheep and Lambs

Chicago.	1,092	612	Ohio.	552	1,061
Denver.	11,080	18,886	Indiana.	331	514
Fort Worth.	12,574	15,345	Illinois.	4,071	5,339
Kansas City.	5,682	5,334	Michigan.	788	326
Louisville.	--	--	Wisconsin.	305	587
Ogden.	11,076	1,513	Minnesota.	7,468	8,727
Omaha.	1,253	4,613	Iowa.	19,401	19,034
St. Louis area 1/.	94	1,399	Missouri.	35,155	14,007
Salt Lake City.	4,187	1,392	South Dakota.	2,322	2,003
Sioux City.	2,474	7,231	Nebraska.	14,887	19,515
Sioux Falls.	1,723	1,641	Kansas.	2,258	1,467
S. St. Joseph.	33,050	9,772	Kentucky.	1	849
S. St. Paul.	7,945	9,265	Texas.	5,851	6,746
			Colorado.	3,793	6,146
			Utah.	151	29
			California.	3,022	2,277
All other			All other 2/.	15,307	7,880
inspected 2/.	23,433	19,504			
Total 2/.	115,663	96,507	Total 2/.	115,663	96,507

1/ Includes St. Louis National Stockyards, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo.

2/ Excludes Hawaii.

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BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Movement of greasy domestic worsted wools in the Boston market increased with about twenty-nine cars sold. Interest centered primarily on medium grades of fleece wools. Prices held unchanged. Sales in the domestic wool-producing areas were slower than a week ago. A moderate volume of wool was moved at a sale held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and some 8-months and 12-months wool was sold in Texas. Buying in the fleece wool States was slow. Australian quotes continued strong at midweek as the Continent and Japan dominated with Bradford supporting. Prices at Cape markets held firm.

Fleece Wools - Graded fine Ohio delaine, staple and good French combing length sold around \$1.28 clean basis. Graded 60/62s good French combing and staple fleeces brought about \$1.13 and 56/58s good French combing and staple at 52¢-54¢ in the grease moved from \$1.00-1.03 clean. Graded 50/54s good French combing and staple at 52¢-54¢ sold from 94¢-98¢ clean basis and graded 48s low 1/4 blood staple fleece wool brought 93¢ clean. A small lot of average to good French combing 56/58s fleeces sold at 50¢ in the grease while medium grade fleece clothing wool brought 93¢ clean basis. Bulk medium grade fleece lambs wool and burry medium fleeces moved at 45¢ and 43¢ grease basis respectively. Country buyers paid 42¢-44¢ grease basis to the growers.

Territory Wools - Original bag New Mexico bulk good French combing and staple 64/70s sold at \$1.30 clean basis. Grease prices paid in New Mexico ranged from 28¢-41¢ with estimated clean costs delivered Boston ranging from \$1.18-1.25 for original bag bulk fine wool. Sacramento Valley, California wools sold from 45¢-52¢ grease basis while Los Banos fine and 1/2 blood wools were estimated from 98¢-1.20 clean basis delivered East. Around Elko, Nevada grease prices ranged from 41¢-46¢.

Texas Wools - Original bag 12 months 64/70s Texas wool, bulk good French combing and staple, sold at \$1.30 clean basis. Eight months wool sold in Texas from 50¢-53¢ grease basis f.o.b. while 12 months wool bulk good French combing and staple was estimated to cost around \$1.25 clean, delivered Boston.

Mohair - A substantial volume of adult mohair sold in Texas at 87½¢ to the warehouse. Trade on kid hair continued dormant.

Carpet Wools - Trade in carpet wools continued very quiet. Dealers were interested in the three-day auction at Liverpool of about 13,080 bales of Pakistan/India carpet wools commencing April 24.